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Welcome Back

This is the first newsletter of the new school year and, whilst I would like to celebrate the fabulous first week back the children have had, I feel I must also reflect on the sad news of yesterday, the passing of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II.

Firstly, let's celebrate the fact that the children have really hit the ground running, as the saying goes! They have already settled well, despite one or two claiming the work is too hard (and that was only on day 2!!) The work **HAS** to be challenging, otherwise the children won't learn anything! If it's easily completed, then they already know it and no learning will take place, so please talk to your children about rising to that challenge and about resilience! This is one of our Character Virtues and links closely to the Skills Builder Hub too. Our new Early Years children, in particular, have had a brilliant start, coming in smoothly, without any fuss and getting stuck in!

Don't forget our **'Meet the Teacher'** sessions planned for next week. Details can be found below.

This term we have welcomed Mr. Childs and Miss. Bowers to our teaching team and Mrs. Wilkinson has stayed on to job-share as class teacher in Year 2, as well as continuing her role supporting learning in lower school. And we said good-bye to Miss. Kheejoo, Miss. Van Der Zanden and Mrs. Wright at the end of the summer. I have personally been in touch with all of them to wish them well in their new roles and they assure me they are doing fine!

HRH Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

No matter what your personal views on the monarchy are, the death of a monarch who has reigned for a record breaking 70 years is such a significant point in British history, I feel it needs marking.

Her Majesty was an inspiration to many, she was "more than a monarch - she defined an era." She was "dignified, humble, wise and dedicated to duty and service to the country she loved."



Her Majesty was the embodiment of dignity, grace and duty and she was the very spirit of Great Britain. Above all else she was a mother, a grandmother and a great grandmother and her passing is a great loss.

We know that this news may affect many of you deeply but we will approach the coming days and weeks with sensitivity and consideration. (Further guidance will follow in the coming days from the Department for Education regarding the mourning period and action that might need to be taken.)

A reminder of our new classes for 2022/23

- RTG:** Miss. Timms (EYFS lead) and Miss. Garlick
Mrs. Evans & Ms. Humphrey
- 1BC:** Mr. Childs
Mrs. Bowers and Mrs. Bell
- 1HS:** Miss. Smith
Mrs. Dunsire & Miss. Gow
- 2SW:** Mrs. Simmonds / Mrs. Wilkinson (job-share)
Mrs. Gooding-Mathews
- 2DD:** Mrs. Davies
Miss. Chopping
- 3SB:** Miss. Bowers
Mrs. Tallwin
- 3AL:** Mrs. Lloyd
Mrs. K. Smith
- 4SS:** Mr. Snelling
Miss Hall
- 4TA:** Mrs. Allday
Mrs. Garner & Ms. Allston
- 5CC:** Mr. Curry
Mrs. Powell
- 5CH:** Mrs. Haveron / Mrs. Crawford (job-share)
Mr. Lammas & Mr. Deller
- 6PM:** Mr. Moore
Mrs. Tedder
- 6ES:** Miss. Stephens
Mrs. Pearson

Meet the Teacher Sessions

We would like to invite you to meet your child's new class teacher next week! This is an annual event, where the teachers put together a short presentation with all the information you might need for the year ahead. And it's a chance to put a face to a name, if you haven't already met!

Monday 12th 9am	Year 4
Tuesday 13th 9am	Year 3
Wednesday 14th 9am	Year 2
Wednesday 14th 2.30pm	Year 5
Thursday 15th 9am	Year 1
Friday 16th 9am	Year 6

These meetings are only planned to be 20 (or so) minutes long and are not intended to be an opportunity to discuss individual pupils.

(Our new Reception (EYFS) class have already had this meeting, back in July!)

We look forward to seeing you next week!

School Uniform Reminders



It's always good to remind parents about school uniform expectations at Mayflower. The Uniform Policy can be found on the website via this link:

https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/mayflower/UploadedDocument/62eeb90819f046adbadf2965f212a4e7/mayflower-school-uniform-policy-2020_1.pdf

Please remember, trainers are NOT good as everyday school footwear; there is a leaflet all about appropriate footwear also on the website.

Pre-Loved Uniform 'Shop'

Sharing is caring, so we have opened up a permanent pre-loved uniform shop for you all to access at any time.

We have jumpers, cardigans, tracksuits, wellies, shoes, coats and polo shirts to get us started, for you to take what you need, or swap something too small for the next size up... (Donations on MCAS welcomed too!)

Please feel free to take what you need and, if you can, make a small donation on MCAS. Alternatively feel free to swap a too-small pair of wellies (for example) and take the next size up.

If anyone has any coat hangers or even a spare clothes rail we could have, it really would be appreciated.

Diary Dates

- 5th October:** Individual School Photos
- 12th October:** Parents Evening; 5 minute 'settling in' appointments
- 24th-28th October:** **Half term**
- 4th November:** **Fireworks Event!!**
- 7th-9th November:** Y6 Residential
- 9th & 16th November:** Open days for Prospective Parents of new EYFS children (September 2023 intake) More details to follow.
- 6th & 7th December:** KS1 Nativity Performances (pm)
- 12th & 13th December:** EYFS Nativity Performances (pm)

- Friday 16th Dec:** KS2 Carol Concert (1.15-2.15) Early finish
Last day of term for pupils; break up for Christmas.

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	School Holidays		Bank Holidays
	Non-Pupil Days		Y6 SAT week

Forest School and OPAL

Outdoor Play And Learning has continued to develop, even over the summer holiday! Mr. Brunsdon has been very busy organizing and collating resources, as well as building a new shed for Forest School equipment!

We must also publicly thank 'Carter' the building firm (<https://www.rgcarter-construction.co.uk/>), who most graciously came in to build us a brand new sandpit on our playing field for use by all the children. We are now looking for donations of buckets and spades to use in it!